

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	69782	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	4/20/2017	Department:	Development Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Development Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance Number 20160914-002) to appropriate \$500,000 from the Development Surcharge Fee to fund technology enhancements for the department.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal year 2016-2017 Development Services Surcharge Fee Fund.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 14, 2016 - City Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-002, adopting the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. This Ordinance included a \$1.0M funding allocation to DSD from the Development Surcharge Fund.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Development Services Department (DSD) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes funding for technology improvements for DSD. The funds for the CIP are generated through the assessment of a 4% surcharge on development fees. This action would provide \$500,000 to support current and scheduled technology improvements.

The additional \$500,000 will fund the following projects:

- 1) Customize the existing electronic plan review application to further align functionality with current business processes (full implementation scheduled for September 2017);
- 2) Add interactive plan tables and Smart Boards by June 2017 to the special conference rooms for expedited building plan review;

- 3) Purchase new mobile computers for field inspectors by June 2017 to replace existing units that are out of warranty and are failing in the field;
- 4) Design and implement an inspector routing application for new mobile computers that include a tracking feature map so customers can monitor, via the web, the status of their scheduled inspection (DSD Action Plan);
- 5) Add a new scope of work to the existing Unisys contract to create a new workflow and billing solution in the AMANDA application for Historic Preservations (DSD Action Plan item); and
- 6) Add a new scope of work to the existing Unisys contract to create a new workflow and billing solution in the AMANDA application for Site and Subdivision Inspection which will replace a legacy Access application that is scheduled to be retired in October 2017 (DSD Action Plan item).